



They're full
of calcium,
vitamins B1
and E, and
fiber.

Peanuts
are very
nutritious!

They can
lower your
cholesterol
and help
ward off
heart
disease!



Wow,
really?!





It's
like it was
made just
for you.



Pea-
pea-
peanuts!

Pea-
nuts!

But why?

You
look cute
in your
costume,
Rina-san.



I've dreamed
of becoming an
idol all my life.
From the first
time I saw
them on TV.



I'm
Asagaya
Rina.
I'm 21
years
old.

how
can you
say that,
Koheru?!

H...

Yes

We
look
cute





but it was
one rejection
after another.
Nobody
wanted me.



*Held
after
one has
turned
20
years
old



Before I
knew it,
I was in my
twenties.



We're planning
to put a trio
of graduates
in a girl group.

I was on
the verge
of giving up
on my dream.
But then...



But my hopes were quickly dashed.....



My life sucks,
and there's
nothing I can
do about it...

sigh...

My life consisted of

dressing up in a peanut
costume for late-night TV

and handing out peanut
samples in grocery stores.



Interest in you
seems to be
growing online.

So we're thinking
this might be a
good time for you
to put out a CD.

!!

and
top the
charts?!



Will we get
to go on
TV shows

Did you cut
your hair?



A CD?!

Boys are
absolutely
off-limits!

and,
as I'm
sure you
know...

Watch
what you
say online,

What
?!



Well,
this is
only the
indies,

but you'll
be getting
a bit more
exposure now,
so please be
mindful of how
you conduct
yourselves.





You
don't
say?

None of
us have a
boyfriend.



No,
that
will be
fine.

Excuse me?
Do we have
a problem
here?



The
lead singer
on the CD
will be...

that's
fine,
then.

Well,



It's not
fair!!



so
why does
Koharu get
to be the
lead singer
on our CD?!



I was the
one who had to
wear the peanut
costume and
get laughed at
by everyone,



Perish
the
thought.

Huh?

Did you
just diss
me?

They proba-
bly want to
feature the
youngest in-
stead of some-
one who's
almost past
her best-by
date.



So it
will sell.



Sixteen.

Twenty-one.



Really?

I could
take your
place,
then!



I didn't even
want to be
an idol in the
first place...



I don't want
to have to sing
and dance in
the spotlight...

I don't like
this either,
all right?



No, thanks.



Wh...

When we first met,

I was in third grade,
and Koharu was in
kindergarten.



what a
little brat!!



Are you
all alone?
Do you want
someone to
play with?

Since she had
trouble getting along
with the other kids,
she was alone a lot.
So I went up
and talked to
her one day.

See,

you
put
your
arms
out,

Yes...!





Morning
Musume
does this in
their new
song!

and
you
turn
around!

We used to
play at being
idols together.

Isn't
it fun

to sing
and dance
around?



That might
sound like some
selfless gesture
on my part.

but actually,
I was just
dragging her into
doing what
I wanted.

Anyway,

Since she's
five years
younger than me,
I see her as a
little sister,
and I feel
protective
of her.

But...

Rina-
san,

you're
doing it
wrong.

I am?

Huh?

then
wait a
beat...
then
turn.

It's
turn,
turn,
turn...
then
step...





...!

Our debut
is coming
up soon,
so please
start doing
better.

You're
the only one
of us who's
off-tempo,
too.



Hi,
every-
one!

B-
but I'm
supposed
to be the
big sister
here!

We're the
P☆Girls!





since I'm
around her
all the
time...

I forgot
how cute
she is

Koharu's
so cute...

#26: P☆Girls Debut Concert

and even though she's so petite, her dancing draws every eye to her.

Her voice sounds like a bell.



Oh!
I'm behind again!

Hey!

I'm the one who always wanted to be an idol, but, I can barely manage to keep up with the singing and dancing.

What have I even been doing all these years...?





why don't
you give
us a look
at your
panties?

If you're
gonna dance
around in
those short
skirts,

Uh-
oh...
Is he
drunk
...?

You
suck!

Your crappy
song is making
me sick.



You're just
jealous of all the
fun we're having,
aren't you?

Hey, Mister!



Why don't
you sing
with us?

Huh?

It's fun!

to sing
and dance
around?

Isn't
it fun?



Whoo!

That was
the first
time I've
really been
able to act
like an idol
in ages!

STAFF
ONLY



I just
love singing
and dancing!
It's a blast! ♪



You might
look like the
responsible type,
but you've still
got a ways
to go, huh?



Heh
heh...



Please don't
treat me like
a child.
It's
obvious



I let you
be the lead
singer,

so you
can't falter
like that.★
Don't let a
little heckling
get to you!



There,
there.



That
mean man
scared you,
didn't he?

But you
are a child,
widdle
Koharu!



It's all
right now.
Don't be
scared!



Am I
teasing
her too
much?

Huh?
Koharu?

.....

what?



Rina-san...



you'd better
practice more
if you don't want
to get cut from
the group.





Your pitch was all over the place today. Did you realize that?



You can't talk to me like that, you little brat!

Arggh



Wh-what?!



She's annoying, and she has a tendency to get carried away...





Rina-san needs
to get her
act together,
or we'll be
in trouble.

She's
cute



Not to mention,
she's awful
at singing
and dancing...



Because I
want to keep
being an idol
with her.

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Girls Love

Girl Talk November 2009

This was the very first original yuri work I ever did. It was published in *Tsubomi*, from Houbunsha. It was a sugary-sweet yuri story about two cute girls... that was the intention, anyway. (lol) I thought it was going to turn into a series, so I toyed around with some ideas for that. I wish I'd gotten to draw them!



Afterword

Hello.
How do you do?
My name is
Kodama Naoko.
Thank you for
picking up
this book!
Because it
contains an
assortment of
my past works,
it includes both
my earliest yuri
story and my
most recent
yuri story.

For some reason,

I was very
moved by that,
so I'd like to use
this afterword
to give a bit of
commentary on
each story, in
chronological
order.★



Everyday★Lingerie

February 2011

This was my first naughty yuri story. My desire with this one was that the two girls would start out just giggling and having fun, and things would naturally progress from there... Cute underwear is brimming with girls' dreams, you know!



I set out to try and draw a story about the sort of girl even other girls think is weirdly sexy... but it was tough ;_; You know, the sort of girl who just exudes sexiness even if she's not showing any skin or fending off a million guys. If I met a girl like that in real life, I think she would make my heart race, too.

July 2011

Summer♥Splash



I saw AKB being totally shippable on TV one day, and that made me want to do story about idols! So I did. This is another manga that was published in *Tsubomi*. My editor asked me to come up with the lamest possible local idol concept, so I went with peanuts. Please don't be mad at me, Chiba folks! >_< I'm from Chiba, too, you know! (lol)

My Job Won't Let Me Date August 2012

This one came about because I wanted to do something about an adult who was still affected by a mistake she made in her youth, which I guess is the typical yuri period? Stories where a youthful mistake totally changes a character's life are my idea of moe! I'd like to do a longer manga with that theme someday. I just love characters like Ririko, who are cute but have a naturally bad personality.



May 2013 Encounter Effect

Looking at this collection of stories that I did over the course of four years, I really don't feel confident in my drawing skills... (lol)

I've always liked yuri, but drawing it has really made me love it. I think my own definition of "yuri" is more broad now, too. (lol) I want to keep on drawing all sorts of yuri! (^_^)

I'm truly grateful to my editor, my assistants H-san and I-san, and all of you out there reading this!

Kodama Naoko

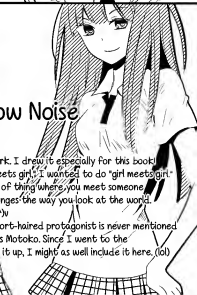


Afterglow Noise

My most recent work. I drew it especially for this book! Instead of "boy meets girl," I wanted to do "girl meets girl." You know, the sort of thing where you meet someone who completely changes the way you look at the world. Romantic, huh? (^_^)

The name of the short-haired protagonist is never mentioned in the story, but it's Motoko. Since I went to the trouble of thinking it up, I might as well include it here. (lol)

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